

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished representatives of the Texas Tech
2 University System are gathering at the State Capitol on March 1,
3 2017, to celebrate the system's vital role in the Lone Star State;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas Tech University System, governed by its
6 board of regents and Chancellor Robert L. Duncan, consists of Texas
7 Tech University, Angelo State University, and the Texas Tech
8 University Health Sciences Centers at Lubbock and El Paso; the
9 system is a \$2 billion enterprise currently educating more than
10 51,000 students, averaging approximately \$225 million in research
11 expenditures annually, and counting nearly 325,000 alumni; in
12 addition, it has an endowment of over \$1 billion and some 20,000
13 faculty and staff focused on advancing higher education, health
14 care, research, and outreach across the state; and

15 WHEREAS, Each component of the system provides innovative
16 educational and research opportunities; Texas Tech University is a
17 major comprehensive research university, led by President Lawrence
18 Schovanec; enrolling more than 36,000 students in 10 colleges and
19 two schools, TTU has set a new fall enrollment record for the past
20 eight years, and it has seen an enrollment increase of 23 percent
21 since 2007; with the goal of being one of the nation's premier
22 research institutions, the university's total expenditures in that
23 area have increased to \$166 million in 2016, up more than 20 percent
24 since 2012; additionally, the Carnegie Classification of

1 Institutions of Higher Education listed Texas Tech in its Highest
2 Research Activity category, elevating the university as one of the
3 115 Tier One research institutions in the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is
5 composed of five schools in various health care disciplines,
6 including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, health professions, and
7 biomedical sciences, and has trained more than 24,000 health care
8 professionals; overseen by Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, TTUHSC enrolls
9 more than 4,600 students and has dedicated more than \$260 million in
10 research expenditures over the past five years, with significant
11 studies in areas such as aging, cancer, reproduction, and genetic
12 diseases; the university also graduates more health care
13 professionals than any other health-related institution in Texas
14 and addresses the medical needs of more than 2.7 million people who
15 live throughout a vast 108-county area; and

16 WHEREAS, Joining the system in 2007, Angelo State University
17 enrolls more than 9,600 students in six colleges and is directed by
18 President Brian J. May; designated a Hispanic Serving Institution,
19 ASU was the first university in the state to offer a degree in
20 computer science and has been named to the *Princeton Review's* "Best
21 Colleges" list for the past eight consecutive years; unique to ASU,
22 its Carr Scholarship program is funded by one of the largest
23 endowments at a regional university in the United States, thus
24 making scholarships attainable by one of every three of its
25 students; and

26 WHEREAS, The fourth and newest member of the system, Texas
27 Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso became a

1 comprehensive health-related institution in 2013 and encompasses
2 the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the Gayle Greve Hunt School
3 of Nursing, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; headed
4 by Dr. Richard A. Lange, the university has enrolled more than 600
5 students, is home to the first medical school on the nation's
6 southern border, and conducts important research focused on cancer,
7 diabetes and obesity, infectious diseases, and neurosciences; and

8 WHEREAS, Through their missions, the Texas Tech University
9 System and its four component institutions continue to better the
10 higher education and health care landscapes, and in so doing, they
11 are contributing to the remarkable achievements of the state as a
12 whole; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Texas Tech
15 University System Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome
16 to all those from the system who are visiting here today.

Frullo
Holland
Craddick
González of El Paso
Landgraf
Murr
Price
Stephenson

Burrows
King of Hemphill
Darby
Lambert
Moody
Pickett
Roberts

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 624

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 624 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House